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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

REF: FASTO 02

1. THE INTERNATIONAL MEAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP HELD ITS 4TH MEETING ON FEB 5 AND 6, 1976. THE GROUP HEARD SHORT REPORTS ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL MEAT SITUATION BY MAJOR IMPORTING OR EXPORTING COUNTRIES, I.E., AUSTRALIA, CANADA, ARGENTINA, THE EC AND NEW ZEALAND.

2. IN THE ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL, INCLUDING UPDATED STATISTICS FOR MODEL QUESTIONNAIRE (WHICH ARRIVED ONLY AFTER MEETING HAD ENDED), US DEL MADE STATEMENTS BASED ON USDA LIVESTOCK AND MEAT SITUATION, REPORT OF DEC 1975.

3. DISCUSSION CENTERED MAINLY ON EEC SITUATION. EC DEL CAUTIONED AGAINST EXPECTATIONS OF A DECISIVE EASING OF EC IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN COURSE OF 1976. THIS PROVOKED POINTED CRITICISM OF EC SYSTEM BY BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND NEW ZEALAND. HOWEVER, EASTERN EUROPEANS WHO HAVE MAJOR STAKE IN EC MARKET ABSTAINED FROM PARTICIPATING IN DEBATE, AS WELL AS FROM CRITICIZING EC.

4. THERE WAS ALSO A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION AS TO WHAT CONDITIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE FULFILLED IN ORDER THAT EQUILIBRIUM COULD BE ESTABLISHED ON THE WORLD'S BEEF MARKETS. THIS DEBATE WAS, AS MAY BE EXPECTED, INCONCLUSIVE.

5. THE GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE MODEL QUESTIONNAIRE AND AGREED TENTATIVELY TO HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 24. DALE

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